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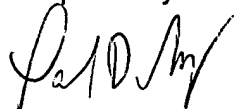
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Respectfully submitted,



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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,628,974	12/16/86	Meyer	141	129	
	5,337,253	8/9/94	Berkovsky et al.	364	479	
	5,408,834	4/25/95	Schlosser et al.	62	78	
	5,477,694	12/26/95	Black et al.	62	73	
	5,930,771	7/27/99	Stapp	705	28	
	6,432,300	8/13/02	Larkner et al.	210	87	
	6,328,881	12/11/01	Larkner et al.	210	87	
	2002/0128932	9/12/02	Yung et al.	705	27	
	2002/0029575	3/14/02	Okamoto	62	125	
	2002/0091594	7/11/02	Rosenberg et al.	705	28	
	6,131,399	10/17/00	Hall	62	127	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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